



# Thomas Russell Infants' School

*'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'*

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2M and 1W have thoroughly enjoyed their time with Brent Freeman, the FA Skills coach who has been coming into school each Friday. After Easter it will be the turn for 2K and 1S to learn some new manoeuvres!

## Chocolate Bingo

We are calling all families interested in some bingo hall, family fun, to join us on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Doors will open at 5.15pm for a 5.30pm start and it will finish at approximately 7.15pm. Suitable for children and adults with lots of chocolate available to win throughout the evening. Please note that children will need adult supervision.

Refreshments and snacks will be available. Look out for further details and booking information coming home in book bags next week.

We will be holding a non uniform day on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April in the hope that children will kindly donate some chocolate for the bingo. We really appreciate the donations made by parents and can't wait to see the new canopy area furnished with the proceeds from forthcoming events.

## Dates for your Diary

- 30th March - Easter Service in church, parents invited
- 31st March - Easter Bonnet Parade
- 2nd April - Break up for Easter holiday
- 20th April - Return to school
- 22nd April - Non uniform day for chocolate bingo
- 24th April - Chocolate bingo
- 4th May - Bank Holiday
- 7th May - Maypole dancing to parents
- 7th May - Dance show at Abbots Bromley
- 13th May - RR class assembly 9.15am
- 15th May - PTA Film night
- 21st May - RL class assembly 9.15am
- 22nd May - Break up for half term

## WORKERS OF THE WEEK

- 2K - Jay Holden for fantastic problem solving in maths
- 2M - Beau Woolaston for super research and team work on Florence Nightingale project
- 1W - Thea Heaps for working hard with her reading
- 1S - Archie Robinson for excellent work in maths
- RR - Silver Taylor-Jones for super subtraction
- RL - Lois White for excellent number recognition

Well done to you all!

### Easter Assembly

On Monday 30th March the children will lead an Easter assembly in St James' Church starting at 2pm. It will last about 40 minutes. All children will be taking part and we invite all families to come along and join in. We walk the children to church for 1.50pm and get them settled in before we open the doors for other family members. Each class will need help walking the children to church. If you would like to help please contact your child's teacher personally. We welcome all family members to attend but please ask that if younger children become restless or tearful they are taken out of church. After the church service parents are allowed to take their children home but children attending Barton Badgers and others being collected as normal from school will be walked back. Thank you

### Easter Bonnet Parade

On Tuesday 31st March the annual Easter egg hunt led by the PTA will take place. Cakes and drinks will be available in the hall from 9am. Can we ask on behalf of the PTA for cake donations to be brought in first thing in the morning. This is followed by the hunt. As we have a lot of children we are splitting the time as follows. Reception 9.15am Year 1 9.45am year 2 10.15am.

Parents are welcome to come along and enjoy the hunt with their child.

At approximately 10.30am the Easter bonnet parade will begin, hopefully on the playground in the sun (or the hall if it rains). Prizes will be given to those which show a creative flair and have been created by the children themselves. There will be a toddler show of hats too so 'Get making!' Please do not bring the bonnets in until the morning, many thanks.

Wednesday - Don't forget to bring in your decorated eggs!

### The Greenaway Medal

The Kate Greenaway Medal was established in 1955, for distinguished illustration in a book for children. It is named after the popular nineteenth century artist known for her fine children's illustrations and designs.

The Greenaway Medal is awarded annually for an outstanding book in terms of illustration for children and young people. After the Easter holiday, we will be sharing some of the shortlisted books with the children to gather their views of who they feel the winner should be.

One of the books that all ages may enjoy to share at home is Smelly Louie by Catherine Rayner. The review says that 'Nobody smells quite like Louie. This pongy pooch has his own particular odour and it is definitely NOTHING like roses and apple blossom. After he's forced to have a bath, Louie is determined to recreate his Special Smell so he sets off on a mission - what will he find? An old boot that smells like mouldy cheese? Some stinky bins? None of them are quite right ... but what will happen if they are all mixed together?'

### Design a book token

Thank you to everyone who has entered the World Book Day 'design a book token' competition. We have seen some tastic entries coming in to school. Don't forget if you haven't spent your £1 book token yet, they are valid until the 29 March.



### Easter book reviews



Next week, we will be sending home some Easter holiday homework for all children! We would like them to write a book review for a book that they read over the holidays - it can be any book at all that they have read at home. Please send them back to school after the holidays and we will use some of them in our library area. We will also be choosing one from each year group to win a book-related prize.



### Message from PTA

Thank you to everyone who has completed an Easter Egg design. They are all fabulous, so we have decided to use all of them! Fourteen have been chosen at random to be displayed around the village over the Easter weekend. The remaining eggs will be displayed at school on the day of the Easter Bonnet Parade. Booklets for the Easter Egg Hunt will be on sale next week for £1. Good luck hunting!

A reminder from Katie Rawlins that a coffee morning is being held at the Christadelphian Church tomorrow morning between 10.00am and 1.00pm for the Alzheimer's Society. All welcome!

*Wishing you a lovely weekend*

*Mrs L Farmer and Mrs S Burton*